

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held on 1<sup>ST</sup> May 2018 at 7:45pm in Leverstock Green Village Hall

		Action
1	<b>Present:</b> Vincent Stone, Brian Howard, Philip Byford, Ully Jorimann, Emyr Williams and Richard Anthony.	
2	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Roy Harris and Mike Mitchell	
3	<b>Minutes of last meeting:</b> Minutes not signed off as comments from Chairman on the draft have not been incorporated as yet, members agreed that with the comments the minutes were accurate.	
4	<b>Matters arising from Minutes of last Meeting:</b> i) Projector problems – Brian H to contact the person investigation possible repair to the medium format projector. ii) Richard A stated that he would not be prepared to remain as Projected Image Competition Secretary if the registration timescale was reduced to 1 week as the work required in organizing the images can be time consuming and other commitments sometimes limit the time available within a single week.	BH
5	<b>Chairman’s Report:</b> i) The Chairman presented his report which is reproduced on page 3 of these minutes as Appendix A. ii) It was suggested that we have a speaker, possibly from the membership, for the second half of the AGM evening.	
6	<b>Treasure’s report:</b> <b>To end of April -</b> HSBC Account: £ 1697.88      Savings:      £ 4893.74 Cash:      £ 20.00      Total:      £ 6611.62 i) The Treasurer advised that he had printed out a new membership form that should be suitable to ensure we meet the changed requirements for Data Protection. ii) He advised that at the last PI Competition he was talking to the judge about how Watford Camera Club attracted younger members. The club made use of Flicker and Facebook and their web site was full of pep showing what the club does and how much fun it is . They have members’ outings and show themselves having fun. When new people come to the club they are made to feel welcome and not left on their own. iii) The Treasurer reported that he had discussed the possibility of replacing some of the existing rather dated/scruffy trophies with give-away trophies. These trophies would have an engraved plaque indicating the award, winner and year and also a HHPS ID. The expenditure would be in the same region as that of past years for the engraving of the existing trophies. It was suggested that we keep the following; The Barlow Shield, the Marshall Trophy, the People Shield and the Eric Earl Cup. It was suggested that the President’s Cup should no longer be awarded as the intended reason for the award was unclear/generally overlooked. Also there is a question over the Triple Format trophy as only 2 members take slides (and only one of those produces prints) and it is very difficult to determine whether or not digital images are presented that meet with the criteria for the competition ie very limited amount of post processing to be undertaken. It was agreed that we should go down the route of the ‘give-away’ trophies but no decision taken on the dropping of the President’s Cup and Triple Format Competition. (Secretary’s comment: AGM topic?)	BH

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7	<p><b>Programme Secretary's report:</b></p> <p>Before the Meeting Mike M advised he would not be attending as he was on holiday and that he would send an updated programme for next season on his return.</p>	MM
8	<p><b>PR Secretary's report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) No updating of sites due to closeness of season end. Existing information to be removed in June and next seasons information added</li> <li>ii) Emyr asked if we could arrange for a new image for the posters, negative space required to enable info to be added.</li> <li>iii) It was agreed that Rob Harley's pre meeting suggestion of the use of a version of Viewfinder for use as a marketing pamphlet was a good idea to develop. Vince S to advise Rob of our thoughts on the matter.</li> <li>iv) It was suggested that an Exhibition copy of the Viewfinder could be produced, this to include write-ups on the prints displayed at the Exhibition.</li> </ul>	VBS  PB
9	<p><b>Website:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Roy H supplied the following report to be read in his absence: "I have begun to examine putting "Competitions Submissions" up onto the web site Progress has been minimal. Mainly due to my lack of time. Several members have complained that they are having difficulties logging onto the site. If they have sent emails to me I have been able to enable them to log on. However this is unsatisfactory and I am endeavouring to cure the problem. I hope to have better success in the coming month".</li> </ul>	RH
10	<p><b>Competition Secretaries:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Richard A advised that the majority of the work was completed for the Annual Exhibition Award Commentary. He was advised that the supply of the images etc to the judge could wait until Mike M's return from holiday, RA to liaise with MM.</li> </ul>	RA MM
11	<p><b>Studio Group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) For next season it is hoped that additional meeting on occasional Thursday evenings for Studio/TnT type activities.</li> <li>ii) Extra sets of keys for the SA Hall have been secured to enable another 2 members to become keyholders.</li> </ul>	
12	<p><b>Viewfinder::</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Philip B would appreciate more input in the way of general articles from the membership, it was suggested that the following Members should be approached for a contribution; Graham Ford, Ian Shaw, Peter Cotton, Ron Smith, John Humphrey, Denis Barlow and Sophie Saunders.</li> </ul>	PB
13	<p><b>Annual Exhibition:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The Chairman and PR Secretary are to arrange a visit to the Marlows management to determine the current position regarding use of space for an exhibition, visit date to be arranged.</li> </ul>	VS EW

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<b>14</b>	<b>AOB:</b> i) Ullly J advised her intention to stand for the position of Member Representative and handed over a completed Nomination form. ii) Richard A advised that he did not intent to stand for Nomination for the positions of either the Secretary or Black and White Competition Secretary for the next season.	
	The Meeting ended at 9.55 pm. <b>Date of next meeting:</b> June 5 <sup>th</sup> 2018	

### Appendix A

#### Chairman's report for April 2018

We are rapidly coming to the end of this season with the conclusion of the three league competitions. I think that we collectively can take some comfort in the fact that the society is still meeting regularly and appears to be in reasonable health when compared to the beginning of the season. While we need more regularly attending members, there is a regular stable membership nucleus.

It is that time of the season when the committee members need to be starting to compose their reports for the Annual General Meeting, It has been an eventful year and all committee members have plenty to report to the membership. Reports should highlight changes and also problems within the club with metrics compared to previous years. Reports need to be with the secretary for compiling into the AGM documents no later than the end of May. If we can collate all of the reports into a short but complete document, we should be able to forgo the need to have each one read out at the meeting.

I would like to discuss to possibility of an addition to the established committee posts, we have an additional post of Exhibition Organiser and Co-ordinator. This is in addition to the important role of Public Relations Secretary, although it will result in some overlapping. We need to start planning and organising early if we are to achieve an Autumn exhibition.

I would also like to suggest we have a Street Photography competition next season. I think we have all enjoyed the presentations and talks about this genre during the season. Maybe we should get out there and show what we can do; we could be pleasantly surprised! A judge with a Street Photography background would be good, especially if authors could talk about their shots.....

To conclude, the better weather is coming (we hope) and we should be using our cameras, especially if that means we are getting the shots to be used in next season's competitions.

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*Signed off by Chairman V Stone on 19 June 2018*